

**BUSINESS METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR EXPEDITING
REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ) PROCESSES
IN A NETWORK ENVIRONMENT**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 An improved system and method for market makers of electronic
marketplaces provides RFQ processes over a network in a way that shortens
the time taken to run an RFQ process without sacrificing effectiveness as a
trading mechanism. At the same time, buyers are allowed to research the
market without actually submitting RFQs to the electronic marketplace. In this
10 way, the accuracy the market research and the effectiveness of trading is
increased by aggregating tentative and historical sell bids from multiple
electronic marketplaces.